

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Claim Objections and Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 11 overcomes the objection to that claim and the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claims 11-13, 16-18 and 20.

B. Rejection of Claims

Pending claims 11, 13, 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,323,067 (Shay).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The Office Action states that in Shay an inverter 76 is coupled to the gate of a load transistor. Office Action, page 3. However, transistor 76 is a latching transistor, not an inverter. Shay, 3:60-64.

Further, the Office Action indicates that transistors 68, 70, 72, 74 of Shay generate pulses to indicate that a supply voltage is ramping up and to terminate pulse generation after the supply voltage reaches a predetermined level. However, these transistors are an inverter, not a pulse generator. Shay, 3:55-60. Thus, this inverter does not act as a pulse generator. Nor does Shay include an activation circuit that latches a high signal in response to a low signal on a feedback path. Thus claims 11, 13, 16-18 and 20 are patentable over Shay. New claims 44-46 are similarly patentable, as they depend from claim 11.

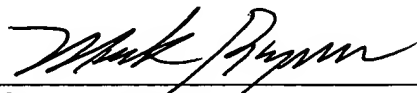
For at least the same reasons, dependent claim 12 is patentable over the cited art.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The

Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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